

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 733

By Ketron

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Matthew Marlatt on receiving a 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to recognize those outstanding educators who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Marlatt of Siegel High School is one such estimable educator who has distinguished himself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Marlatt was recently honored with the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, an honor most befitting his outstanding tenure as an educator as it recognizes the positive influence he has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, the Milken Family Foundation National Educator Awards program provides public recognition and financial rewards to school teachers, principals, and other outstanding educators; the program strives to attract, develop, motivate, and retain talented people to the challenge and adventure of teaching; and

WHEREAS, the largest teacher recognition program in the country, the Milken National Educator Awards program annually honors K-12 teachers, principals, and specialists across America with \$25,000 individual awards. In addition to receiving their award, these outstanding educators participate in the annual Milken National Education Conference to be held this spring; and

WHEREAS, new Milken Educators are recommended by a blue ribbon committee of education and policy leaders appointed by each state's department of education, with final selections made by the Milken Family Foundation each fall; and

WHEREAS, criteria for selection include exceptional educational talent as evidenced by effective instructional practices and student learning results in the classroom; exemplary educational accomplishments beyond the classroom that provide models of excellence for the profession; strong long-range potential for professional and policy leadership; and an engaging and inspiring presence that motivates and impacts students, colleagues, and the community; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Marlatt is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate his students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, a member of the National Council of Teachers of English, Mr. Marlatt has been teaching since 1996 and truly serves as an inspiration to his colleagues and his students alike; never failing in his dedication to student literacy, he can often be found reading to students during his lunch time; and

WHEREAS, Matthew Marlatt epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Matthew Marlatt on being chosen as a recipient of the 2009 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award, commend his exceptional service to the students of Siegel High School, salute his professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.